

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 10-14 were pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10-12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 13 has been amended. No claims have been added. Therefore, claims 13-14 remain and are resubmitted for reconsideration.

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 6, and 10-12 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/873,129. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Thus, the rejection is now moot.

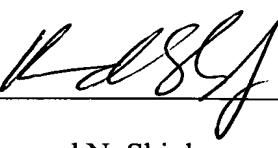
It is noted with appreciation that claims 13 and 14 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 13 has been rewritten into independent format to include the subject matter of the base claim (claim 11). Claim 14 depends from claim 13. Thus, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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